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FROM THE EDITOR:

Our objective is to send a bulletin that meets the expectations of our readers. We had to work on the quality of printing, include new stimulating subjects like the challenge corner, add when space allowed captions from the Bible, learn new publishing methods to incorporate our holy language hebrew. Time ran out and we missed the deadline for the Passover holiday issue. For that delay we apologize, however we believe that today we are more prepared to produce quality material that will make you proud of us. The next issue is due on Sept 1989. Please call me if you have a suggestion or news.

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President's Message



DEAR MEMBERS:

In February, we had our fifth annual Purim party. The party was very successful. My thanks go to Fotunee Lichaa who organized the party and to the many members of our community who volunteered their time, efforts and skills in preparing the delicious food and helping in many activities. The drawing for the raffle tickets was held at the party. The grand prize, the diamond, went to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Mourad who redonated it back to the KJA. We thank Henry and Doris for their generous donation and support. Jacob Moussa won the second prize, and Mrs Leonie Lichaa won the third prize. .

Over a year ago, the Judah Magnes Museum organized the first exhibit in this country about the Karaites. The exhibit was a great success. Although the Karaite community was very thankful to those who organized the exhibit, we failed to express or convey our appreciation to them. As most of you know, professor William Brinner was very instrumental in making the exhibit a reality. The exhibit would not have been possible without his tireless and exemplary efforts. On behalf of the Karaite community, I would like make our appreciation known to Professor Brinner for his distinguish work and for his scholarly efforts to heightened the awareness of the general Jewish population about the Karaites. I would like also to thank Mr. Fromer, Director of the Magnes Museum, for his efforts and support to the exhibit. We will be working with professor Brinner and Mr. Fromer to publish a catalog about the exhibit which will have a great educational value to our children.

On March 12, 1989, the board of Director held a retreat meeting at Mr. & Mrs Elie Moussa's house. The purpose of the retreat was to reinforce the KJA mission, set goals, and develop action plans to achieve these goals. My thanks go to David Ovadia for his tremendous efforts and hard work for preparing and conducting the meeting.

On behalf of the board of Directors, I wish you a happy and joyful Passover holiday.

Joe Abel

President, KJA

PASSOVER EVE AND THE SEVEN DAYS .

(This material was sent from our congregation in Israel)

From the Torah we know of 3 Passovers namely: a) The Passover of Egypt. b) The Passover of the generations. c) The second Passover.

A) The Passover of Egypt:

This was the Passover sacrifice which the children of Israel slaughtered in Egypt on the fourteenth day of the month of Nisan at dusk ; They ate it roasted on fire, hurriedly at the moment when they left Egypt after God had smitten the Egyptians with the tenth plague. The text states: " And the Eternal spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, his month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, " In the tenth day of the month they shall take to them every man one of a flock. For the house of their fathers one of a flock for a house: And if the household be too little for one of a flock, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the proportions of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the one of the flock. The one of the flock shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it from the sheep or from the goats: And it shall be in your keeping until the fourteenth day of the same month : and the whole congregation of Israel shall slaughter the flock at eventide. And they shall take the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the lintel on the houses wherein they shall eat it. . And they shall eat the flesh in that night roast with fire and unleavened bread with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it half done nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; its head with its legs and with the inward parts thereof; and ye shall not leave anything of it until the morning; and that which is left of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with you loins girded, you shoes on your feet and your stick in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Passover of the Eternal. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt i will execute judgments; I am the Eternal. And the blood shall be to you for a sign upon the houses where ye are: And when I see the blood I will pass over you and the infliction shall not be upon you as a destroyer when I smite the land of Egypt." . (Exodus XII, 1-13)

משיב רעה תחת טובה, לא תמוש רעה מביתו (משלי י"ג)

He who return evil for good, evil will not depart from his home (Proverbs 17,13)

B) The Passover of the generations:

This was the sacrifice that the children of Israel slaughtered in the Temple during the period of the Kingdom of Israel; it also took place on the fourteenth day of Nissan at dusk, and they ate it roast on fire after the blood of the sacrifice had been sprinkled on the altar and the fat had been burned. The Scripture states: " Keep the month of Aviv, and observe the Passover unto the Eternal thy God: for in the month of Aviv the Eternal thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the Passover sacrifice unto the Eternal thy God, also the flock and the herd, in the place which the eternal shall choose to establish his name there. Thou shall eat nothing leavened by it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread by it, even the bread of poverty; for thou caldest forth out of the land of Egypt at the days of thy life " (Deuteronomy XVI,1-3)

Factors common to the Passover of Egypt and the Passover of the generations

a- The sheep and goats that were sacrificed were male animals , free of blemish. b- It was not slaughtered while leaven was present but only after the leaven had been burnt. c- It was slaughtered at dusk and not eaten boiled but roasted on fire. d- No meat was taken outside and no bones were broken. e- Nothing of the sacrifice was left until the morning. f- It was not eaten by the uncircumcised even if he was an Israelite. g- It was not eaten by gentile, even if was circumcised.

C) The second Passover:

The second Passover was celebrated in the second month of the year, i.e. on the 14th of Iyar. It was observed by people who were unclean (for as such they were forbidden to celebrate the 1st Passover) and by those who had been far away at the time of the Passover thus unable to celebrate the festival.

The difference between the second Passover and the other two Passovers:

a- The eating of the unleavened bread for seven days is not obligatory. b- The second Passover was not a holy convocation. c- The sacrifice was slaughtered in the presence of leaven. The remaining ordinances of the Passover of the generations and the second Passover are the same.



MAZEL TOV:

Mr & Mrs Paul Nounou for the birth of their baby girl Natalie Esther who was born in January 16, 1989.

David & Esther Ovadia for the birth of their son Robert who was born on February 2, 1989.

David Darwish & Shirley Daniel who got married on April 9, 1989. The wedding was performed according to the Karaite Tradition officiated by our acting Rav Joe Pessah.

Roger & Lori Pessah for the birth of their first baby boy Elliot who was born on May 11, 1989.

Mr & Mrs Joe Ovadia of Danville for the birth of their baby girl SHARON who was born on May 13, 1989.

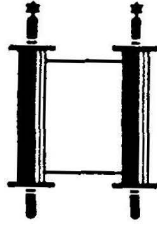


GRADUATIONS:



Joyce (Dubner) Kessler & Nancy Dubner. Joyce has graduated from the University Of California Berkeley with B.A in International Business and Economics. Nancy Dubner has graduated from San Francisco State University with B.S in Nursing with Honor of MAGNE CUM LAUD. Nancy will be working in San Francisco General Hospital Intensive Care. The Proud Parents of Joyce and Nancy are Richard and Margo Dubner.

Albert Pessah has graduated from San Francisco State University with B.A in Business & Office Systems. The proud parents are Mr & Mrs. Jacob Pessah of South San Francisco.



BNEI MITZVA:



Desiree Marzwell daughter of Mr & Mrs Neville Marzwell on Jan 7, 1989. Desiree wants to become the first Karaite woman Rabbi.

Mike Abel son of Mr & Mrs Joe Abel of San Ramon on Feb 18, 1989.

Livia Massuda daughter of Mr & Mrs Benoit Massuda of N.Y. on May 13, 1989.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Moussa, son of Joe and Fifi Moussa, is going to lead our Shabbat prayers on July 1st 1989 in Temple Sinai. Every body is invited. David is studying our prayers and melody with his father and with our Acting Rav. In addition David will be doing his Bar Mitzvah in Temple Shalom on the 22nd of July. Keep up the good work!

KJA annual picnic is scheduled for July 4th 1989 in San Mateo. Contact Fifi Lichaa (415) 992-8507.

We goofed.!!! Mr and Mrs Perlman (*Claire*) correct phone number is (312) 677-0907
Please take a note.

SYMPATHY

With deep sympathy we offer our condolences to:

- Tahan family for the death of Hai El Tahan who passed away on February 1989 after a long illness.
- Shammass family for the death of Tewfik (Toto) Shammass on April 1989.

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE. AMEN

THE CHALLENGE CORNER

1- The bible is divided in three sections namely : the Torah, the Prophets and The Holy Scriptures. Which one of these books is not part of the Torah ?

- a. Genesis b. Exodus c. Numbers d. Jeremiah

2- Which one of these holidays the Israelites did not know of during their wondering in the desert with Moses?

- a. Passover b. Yom Kippour c. Sukkot d. Purim

3- When is the Milah (circumcision) ceremony performed ?

- a. on the eighth day after the birth of a baby boy b. as soon as the mother of the baby boy recovers c. on the seventh day after the birth of a baby boy

4- The Karaites believe in:

- a. one written Bible b. one written Torah only c. one written Bible and one oral Torah d. none of the above

5- When Pharaoh commanded to drown all newborn boys of the Israelites in the Nile River, Moses mother decided to hide him

- a. in Pharaoh's own palace b. in a basket among the bulrushes c. in Miriam's (her daughter) house

6- Name the items that are not explicitly mentioned in the Bible

- a. Menorah b. Hanukkah c. Tsitsit d. Hamentasha e. Bread of affliction



עברי אנכי ואת-ה' אלהי השמים אני ירא (עונה א,ט)

I am a hebrew and I fear the Lord, the God of Heaven (Jonah 1,9)

(Not For PASSOVER)

What's cooking?

Chicken Almond

- 4 lbs. chicken breasts or
2 broilers, cut up
- flour seasoned with salt and pepper
- 4 tablespoons oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 green peppers, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 3½ teaspoons curry powder
- ½ teaspoon white pepper
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- 1 28 oz. can solid pack tomatoes, mashed
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- ¼ cup toasted almonds
- ¾ cup August Sebastiani Chablis
or Country French Colombard
- 6 cups cooked rice

Roll chicken in seasoned flour and brown in oil and butter. Remove chicken pieces. Add onions, peppers, and garlic, stirring well and adding salt and pepper to taste. Then add tomatoes and parsley and heat thoroughly. Place in a greased casserole dish and add almonds and wine, mixing well. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serve over rice. Serves 8.



Fruit Cocktail Cake

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 large can fruit cocktail,
well-drained
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- ½ pint whipping cream

Combine flour, sugar, soda and salt. Add egg and fruit cocktail. Pour mixture into well-greased, shallow 9 inch square pan. Mix together brown sugar and nuts and pour over cake mixture. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour. Serve topped with whipped cream. Serves 6-8.

RENEWED STUDY

IN KARAISM

By Mourad El Kodsi

A group called SAMEK, Societe des Amis des Manuscrits Karaites, sent me a letter in December 1988 in which they describe their function as a group who are interested in the Karaite literature that have been or remain to be edited and published. They also disclaim any exclusiveness or monopoly of representation. The president is Mr Charles Perrot. He is the "Directeur de l'Ecole des Langues Orientales Anciennes" where he teaches the Syriac language. Mr Henri Gazelles is vice-president. He is the director of studies in the "Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes". And since many Karaite scholars used the Arabic language in their work, Mr Habib Tawa was chosen to be the secretary of this society. Mr Tawa holds a PH.D in history from the Sorbone and a PH.D in mathematics from the "Faculte des Sciences de Paris". He also holds a diploma from "l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociale". Another person with the same diploma and a close friend with Mr S. Szyszman is Mr Victor Escroignard who became the treasurer. Mr Habib Tawa is assisted by Mr G.D. Sixdenier who holds a diploma of Semitic languages and is also the secretary of "La societee des Etudes Samaritaines". This society plans to proceed in stages with their agenda. The intent is to work on many Karaite manuscripts that has not yet been edited. This letter was sent at random to almost 500 scholars, institutes and libraries all over the world. The letter ends by asking the reader to circulate it and ask for membership in the society which is offered free of charge for the year 1989. If you are interested write to:

Mr. Sixdenier
3, Rue de la Source
F-75016 PARIS FRANCE

Enclosed with the letter was a brief article describing some of the activities of The Polish Karaites after World War I.

Publications in the Science of Religions on Polish Karaite studies since 1918-

A Bibliography By: Alexander Dubinski



לא תעמד על דם רעך (ויקרא יט,טז)

You shall not stand against the blood of your neighbour (Leviticus 19,16)

Polish research in the field of Karaite studies have been conducted for more than half a century. The initiation of these studies in independent Poland was connected with the scientific work of Prof. Tudeusz Kowalski (1889-1913). In the 1920s, conditions were extremely favorable for Polish science to conduct such research. After Worldwar I, The majority of the Karaite settlement in East-Central Europe lay within the boundaries of Poland. The Karaite centers of Wilno, Troki near Wilno, Luck and Halicz should be mentioned. In 1924 the journal "Mysl Karaimska" (Karaite Thoughts) began to appear in Wilno. In this journal there were, among others, articles, reviews and short notes devoted to the problems of science of religions as well as translations of religious texts. A large number of religious texts was included in the collection edited by T. Kowalski. The author of the majority of the small literary work was Szymon Firkowicz, writer and Karaite religious leader in Troki. He was also the author and publisher of short Karaite prayers with Polish translations. In 1928, Seraja Szapszal (1873-1961), author of many works including one from the science of religions, became the hakham, the religious and secular leader of the Polish Karaites. He was instrumental in founding the Society of Friends of Karaite History and Literature in 1932. The author of numerous papers in Karaite studies was the Orientalist Prof. Ananiasz Zajaczkowski (1903-1970) who was also the editor of "Mysl Karaimska" which in 1948 became "Przegląd Orientalistyczny" a general periodical on Oriental studies. A. Zajaczkowski included prayers and religious hymns in his monograph on Polish Karaites. From 1931 to 1938, the first journal in the Karaite language "Karaaj Awazy" (The voice of the Karaite) was published in Luck. In all, there were twelve issues and were published by Alexander Maedkowicz (1875-1944), an outstanding writer and very active in his field. Besides editing the journal, A. Mardkowicz was also the author of many texts in the Karaite language and published a collection of religious songs. After World War II, Warsaw, Wrocław, Opole and Gdańsk, Sopot and Gdynia became the main centers of the Karaites in Poland. Publication of Karaite studies sanctioned by the interwar tradition were continued. The accomplishments of Polish Karaite studies are significant; they have a long tradition. His first bibliography includes not only studies from the science of religions in the strict sense, but also the more important works from related fields. The bibliography registers items in the Polish language and also works of Polish writers that have been published in foreign languages at home as well as abroad. The list of publications are arranged alphabetically; if, however there is more than one work by any given author, they are subarranged chronologically by date of publication. All type of publications: monographs (or their separate sections), articles in periodicals (beginning with biweekly), subject entries and biographical entries in encyclopedias and dictionaries, and more important reviews, have been taken into consideration. Attempts have also been made to resolve pseudonyms, the resolutions have been given in square brackets. Translations of the titles of Karaite works and periodicals into Polish are also given in square brackets. Round brackets enclose integral parts of the original titles given by the authors.

לפני עור לא תתן מכשול (ויקרא יט,יד)

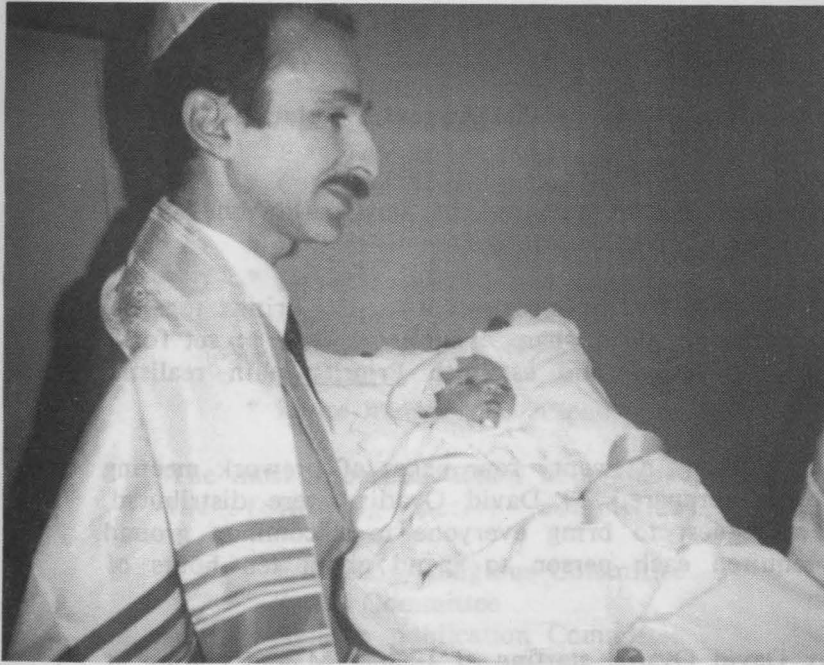
You shall not put a stumbling block in front of the blind (Leviticus 19,14)



Everyone is holding to his child during Purim (no one was lost)



Preparing for the dance on Purim . Serious attention.



David Ovadia , the proud father of baby Robert during the Milah.



Mr & Mrs Paul Nounou
with their first baby Sharon



Desiree read hebrew more fluently than she read english in her Bat Mitsvah.



Mike Abel delivering his speech during his Bar Mitsvah

Board Gather in San Carlos for 1st Retreat/Meeting

The board members and their guests gathered in San Carlos on Sunday March 12 to discuss the needs of the Karaite communities.

The purpose/objective of the retreat/meeting was to bring together organization members to exchange ideas, share experiences, and to set forth a Mission Statement, Specific Goals, and establish Priority with realistic achievable schedules.

Three weeks prior to the meeting, a twenty four pages of prework meeting materials including exercises, prepared by David Ovadia, were distributed to the board members and guest to bring everyone to a common ground. The prework material required each person to spend about ten hours of preparation.

The meeting was led by David Ovadia starting at 10:00 AM and ending at 4:30 PM turned out to be very successful in accomplishing its purpose. Some of the important highlights of the retreat/meeting are summarized as follows:

1. The agreed upon Mission Statement is:

TO PRESERVE, PROMOTE, AND TRANSMIT THE PRINCIPLES
AND TRADITION/PRACTICE OF KARAISM, SUPPORT/FULFILL
THE RELIGIOUS/SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITIES.

2. The group identified the top five activities that should be pursued now as:
 - * Education of the children
 - * Social events/activities of the communities
 - * Bulletin publication and information dissemination
 - * Having a place of worship
 - * Increase membership participation

3. The following goals were identified to be pursued in the near term:

- * Bulletin - Better format and better quality printing.
- * Establish active committees to achieve desired goals.
- * Calendar of social events.
- * Education thru lectures.
- * Pursue Magnes Museum project of catalog and video.
- * Increase participation in prayer.
- * Enhance the fund raising activities.
- * Study available options and make recommendation for a place of prayer.
- * Invite members to attend/participate in board meetings.

The most important action item identified in the retreat/meeting is to form the following active committees to achieve the above goals.

- * Education/Religious Committee
- * Social Committee
- * Bulletin publication Committee
- * Fund raising Committee
- * Building Committee

Each committee will need to establish and present to the board for approval their specific activities/goals, define their objectives, and any budget requirement.

We will continue to keep you posted of our activities and progress through upcoming bulletins.

The board urges all Karaite communities outside the San Francisco Bay Area to select and identify a representative for their local community area, and to contact Mourad El Kodsi or any other board member.

In closing, the board would like to thank Elie and Sarine Moussa for having the retreat/meeting at their home and serving lunch which included among many other good thing to eat Red Lobia.

David Ovadia

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(Our apology for misspelled and missing names)

הכל היה כן העפר והכל שב אל העפר (קהלת ג,כ)

All are from the dust and all turn to dust (Ecclesiastes 3,20)

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וכר צדיק לברכה (משלי י')

The memory of the righteous is a blessing (Proverbs 10,7)

SELECTED TOPICS FROM THE BOARD MEETINGS

Joe Kheder our treasurer has announced that he will be relocating to San Diego in early summer. The board will surely miss Joe's dedication and efforts. The Treasurer Position will be temporary filled by Eli Moussa.

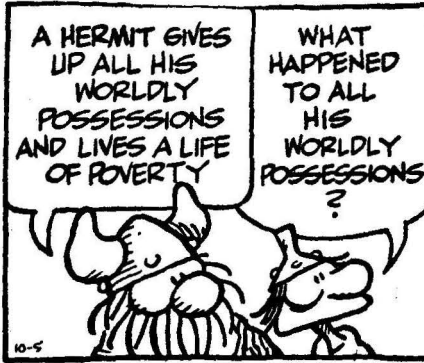
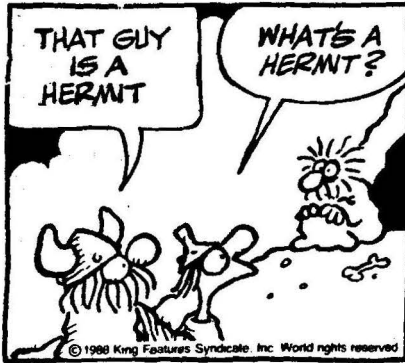
The Board has voted to lease and continue to use the Facilities of Peninsula Sinai Congregation for our shabbat prayers

The Board has approved a maximum amount of \$4,000.00 to cosponsor video production with the Magnes museum. The production will feature the history and tradition of the Karaite Jews. Additional fund will be required and raised through other organization.

KJA funds topped \$265,000.00 as of May 1, 1989. A bid to purchase a piece of land was submitted but was turned down by the sellers. We will continue to look.



WIT and HUMOR



A father was berating his son who was reluctant to do his homework. "When Abraham Lincoln was your age," the father lectured, "he walked 10 miles to school every day and then studied by the light of the fire in his log cabin."

"So what?" the boy rejoined. "When John Kennedy was your age, he was President!"

"My wife has the worst habit of staying up until one or two o'clock in the morning, and I can't break her of it."

"What is she doing all that time?"

"Waiting for me to come home."

